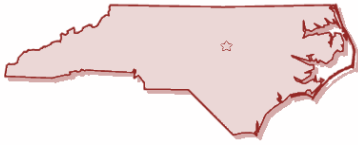


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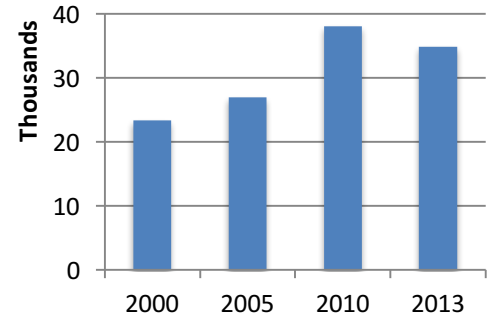


State's Rank by Arab American Population: **13**
 AAI's Estimated Arab American Population: **91,788***

Growth Trends

The population who identified as having Arabic-speaking ancestry in the U.S. Census grew by more than 63% between 2000 and 2013. The number of North Carolinians who claim an Arab ancestry more than doubled since the Census first measured ethnic origins in 1980 and is among the fastest growing Arab populations in the country. The Census Bureau estimates that the statewide Arab American population is close to 34,853.*

Arab American Population Growth



Immigration

The largest number of new Arab immigrants to North Carolina came from Iraq, Egypt, and Morocco.

How do Arab Americans Identify Themselves?

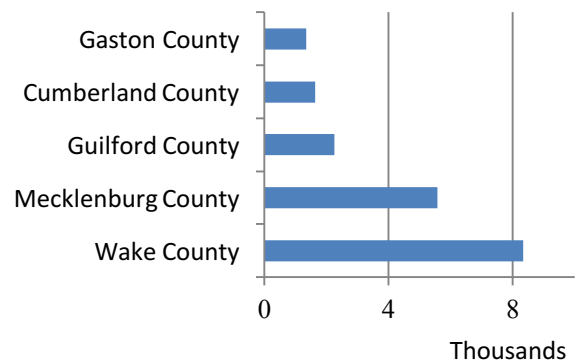
Primary Ethnic Identification is derived from responses to the ancestry question on the American Community Survey. Census data on "Arabs" include the responses Lebanese, Syrian, Egyptian, Iraqi, Jordanian, Palestinian, Moroccan, Arab or Arabic, and the following countries collapsed as "Other Arab": Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Kuwait, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

Recent Immigrants by Country of Origin (2009-2013)

Iraq	1,144
Egypt	818
Morocco	781
Jordan	546
Sudan	525

We also include Arabic-speaking persons who identify as Assyrian/Chaldean, Somali, or Sudanese, identities that are not aggregated as Arab in Census reports. In North Carolina, according to the Census Bureau, the largest component of the Arab American community in the state has Lebanese or Syrian roots. Since 2005, significant increases appear in the number of North Carolinians who are of Iraqi and Chaldean descent.

Arab American Population by County, 2013



Where do North Carolinian Arab Americans Live?

Arab Americans in North Carolina reside in 73 of the 100 counties in the state.

**Research by AAI and Zogby International suggest that the number above is likely significantly lower than the actual number of Arab Americans in the state. The American Community Survey identifies only a portion of the Arab population through a question on "ancestry." Reasons for the undercount include the placement of and limit of the ancestry question (as distinct from race and ethnicity); the effect of the sample methodology on small, unevenly distributed ethnic groups; high levels of out-marriage among the third and fourth generations; and distrust/misunderstanding of government surveys among recent immigrants.*

Sources: American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates (2013), American Community Survey 5-Year estimates (2010), 2000 US Census—U.S. Census Bureau; Yearbook of Immigration Statistics 2009-2013—Office of Immigration Statistics, Department of Homeland Security